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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/26/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-23 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada (Pub. No. US: 2004/0250203 A1 filed April 17, 2002).
4. Regarding Claims 1 and 4, Yamada teaches webjins journal an automatic editing system. The method and associated system for webjins journal an automatic editing system as taught or suggested by Yamada includes:

a sortation memory portion provided in a form of a virtually sorted prescribed memory area to store information sorted by each prescribed condition for a prescribed condition (paragraphs 0156-0647); information adding portion adding additional information to a sortation memory portion; an acquisition portion acquiring from a different image processing apparatus information including additional information (paragraphs 0156-0647); a comparision and display portion comparing the additional

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information acquired by acquisition portion from different image processing apparatus with additional information added by information adding portion to a sortation memory portion, and displaying similar additional information (paragraphs 0156-0647); and a registration portion selectively registering one of the additional information displayed by the comparison and display portion and the additional information added by the information adding portion to a sortation memory portion (paragraphs 0156-0647).

5. Regarding Claim 2, Yamada teaches the additional information registered by the registration portion is identical to a prescribed item included in the additional information acquired by an acquisition portion from a different image processing apparatus, an information adding portion adds to a sortation memory portion information of destination of a link, information of the destination of the link being information of an access to a sortation memory portion included in a different image processing apparatus (paragraphs 0156-0647).

6. Regarding Claims 3 and 6, Yamada teaches an input portion inputting a name serving as additional information and prescribed item is name.

7. Regarding Claim 5, Yamada teaches information adding portion adds to sortation memory portion additional information acquired from a different apparatus (paragraphs 0156-0647).

8. Regarding Claim 7, Yamada teaches acquisition portion acquires from different image processing apparatus information including additional information added to a sortation memory portion of a different image processing apparatus and information of a

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date and time of registration of additional information with different image processing apparatus (paragraphs 0156-0647).

9. Regarding Claim 8, Yamada teaches a supplementation portion supplementing the additional information added to sortation memory portion and registration portion registers additional information supplemented by a supplementation portion (paragraphs 0156-0647).

10. Regarding Claims 9, 10, 12, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1 and 7 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

11. Regarding Claim 11, the limitation of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Yamada teaches a storage portion storing sortation memory portion.

12. Regarding Claim 13, the limitation of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Yamada teaches a decision portion deciding whether there exists in the image processing apparatus of interest additional information added by the information adding portion and an erasure portion driven by a result of a decision made by the decision portion (paragraphs 0156-0647).

13. Regarding Claim 14, the limitation of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Yamada teaches a detection portion (paragraphs 0156-0647).

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14. Regarding Claim 16, the limitation of this claim has been noted in the rejection of claim 1 presented above. In addition, Yamada teaches a return notification portion (paragraphs 0156-0647).

15. Regarding Claims 15 and 17-23, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections of claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14, and 16 presented above. They are therefore rejected as set forth above.

NAME OF CONTACT

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

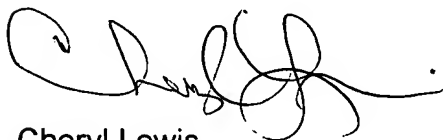
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cheryl Lewis
Patent Examiner
June 26, 2006